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Office Action Summary

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Status

1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on _____.

2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.

3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11; 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

4) Claim(s) 1, 3-13, and 15-32 is/are pending in the application.

4a) Of the above, claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.

5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.

6) Claim(s) 1, 3-13, and 15-32 is/are rejected.

7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.

8) Claims _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are objected to by the Examiner.

11) The proposed drawing correction filed on _____ is: a) approved b) disapproved.

12) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

13) Acknowledgement is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d).

a) All b) Some* c) None of:

1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.

2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.

3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

*See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

14) Acknowledgement is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e).

Attachment(s)

15) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)

18) Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). _____

16) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)

19) Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)

17) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s). _____

20) Other: _____

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DETAILED ACTION

1. Prosecution is reopened.

Claims 1, 3-13, and 15-32 are under consideration.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless --

(e) the invention was described in a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent, or on an international application by another who has fulfilled the requirements of paragraphs (1), (2), and (4) of section 371(c) of this title before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent.

3. Claims 1, 3-13, and 15-32 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Collins et al., US Patent 5,710,023, January 20, 1998 or Collins et al., US Patent 6,214,559 B1, April 10, 2001, claiming priority to March 01, 1996.

Claims 1, 3-13, and 15-32 are directed to an isolated polynucleotide of SEQ ID No:1 encoding a ligand-binding receptor polypeptide of SEQ ID No:2, expression vectors , cultured eukaryotic cells transformed with the expression vector, and a chimeric polypeptide consisting of the polypeptide of SEQ ID No:2 and a second moiety.

Collins, US Patent 5,710,023, teaches an IL-13bc protein of SEQ ID No:4, which is a receptor that binds the ligand IL13 (col.4, lines 53-63). The IL-13bc protein of SEQ ID No:4 comprises a putative signal sequence, an extracellular domain, a transmembrane domain, and an

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intracellular domain (col.4, lines 12-22). The amino acid sequence of the instant SEQ ID No:2 is 100% identical over its entire length to SEQ ID No:4 of the Collins patents (see sequence comparison, attached). The polynucleotide of SEQ ID No:3 in Collins is identical to the instant polynucleotide of SEQ ID No:1 at position 11-1289. He teaches that the isolated polynucleotides of the invention may be operably linked to an expression control sequence in an expression vector (col.5, lines 32+), and that a number of types of mammalian cells act as suitable host cells for expression of the IL-13bc protein (col.5, lines 47-57). Collins teaches that IL-13bc or active fragments thereof may be fused to carrier molecules such as the Fc portion of an immunoglobulin or to other proteins, like glutathione S transferase (col.4, line 66 through col.5, line 4).

The limitations of the claims are met.

4. No claim is allowed.

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Eliane Lazar-Wesley, PhD, whose telephone number is (703) 305 4059. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday from 9:30am to 5pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Yvonne Eyler, can be reached on (703) 308-6564.

Official papers filed by fax should be directed to (703) 308 4242. Faxed draft or informal communications with the examiner should be directed to (703) 308-0294.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-0196.

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